

Participant details	
First name	Marion
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Erasmus+ Mobility details	
Mobility dates	28-30 Nov 2016
Place of Mobility	Rayleigh, UK

Marion's Testimonial:

"My last Erasmus+ experience was a Strategic Partnership with schools from UK, Poland, France and Croatia. Together we investigated different pedagogies and digital tools which can help us instill empathy at school to enhance inclusion. This is especially relevant in today's education given the diversity we have in schools. If harnessed properly, diversity can be immensely enriching and children are always a safe bet when it comes to fostering new attitudes that have ripple effects outside the school system.

We underwent training in Google docs, Wordit and Polleverywhere and together we built a project website to showcase our work. This includes lesson plans that can be used by other educators. We also took DNA samples from children to trace their ancestors and draft family trees and the results were published on the project website.

The transnational meetings were important to kickstart the project and then evaluate it.

I always feel a bit hesitant before going on an Erasmus+ experience but excited at the same time. I decided to go because I heard others say what an amazing experience it is and now I know from first-hand experience that it is an enriching experience. Looking back, I can safely say that some of my most cherished memories are from Erasmus+ experiences.

The best part of my Erasmus+ experience was getting to make new friends and visiting schools in other European countries to share best practices and learn about new technologies and pedagogies to use in the classroom. The worst part is always the few days before departure. I feel that maybe it will be a waste of time when there is so much work to be done at school but in the end it pays off. Visiting other countries to meet your counterparts and learn with them is a priceless experience. Erasmus+ renews your enthusiasm and motivation. I like to describe Erasmus+ projects as an injection of new energy in the school.

I would definitely recommend that they go for it. It is a life changing experience that will open new horizons."

